

### REMARKS

The above amendment is presented to correct an error in the specification.

In this regard, in Comparative Example 4 on page 11 of the specification, it is disclosed that "The mercerized pulp used in Comparative Example 3 ...". Also, in Comparative Example 6 on page 13, it is disclosed that "The mercerized pulp used in Comparative Example 5 ...". However, neither Comparative Example 3 nor Comparative Example 5 uses a mercerized pump. If mercerized pulp is employed then these examples would not appear to be comparative.

The term "mercerized" has therefore been deleted from the first line of Comparative Example 4 and Comparative Example 6.


In the original PCT specification in the Japanese language, this was disclosed correctly, and an error was made during translation from Japanese into English.

Favorable action is now requested.

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